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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND FEE AUTHORIZATION

Transmitted herewith is a Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116; a Fee Transmittal for FY 2004 (2 copies); a Petition for Extension of Time extending the period for filing a response to September 8, 2004 (2 copies); a Request for Continued Examination, each of the foregoing with a Certificate of Mailing noted thereon; and an acknowledgement postcard.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission beyond that provided for on the Fee Transmittal for FY 2004. However, Applicant(s) hereby authorize the Commissioner for Patents to charge any fees that may be deemed to be due or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0590. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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## REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 8, 2004, the period for response there having been extended so as to expire on September 8, 2004 pursuant to Applicants' Petition for Extension of Time filed concurrently with this Reply, please amend the above-identified application as indicated on the following pages. A list of the pending claims set is found on page 2 and the Remarks are found on pages 5 through 7.

The present amendments follow the revised format procedure mandated in 68 Reg. 38611 published July 30, 2003.